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In re Application of	:	
Heinzl et al.	:	
Application No. 09/857,353	:	DECISION ON
Filed: September 5, 2001	:	PETITION
Title: TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR SMALL	:	
COMPONENTS	:	

This is a decision on the "PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)," filed December 6, 2004 in the above-identified application.

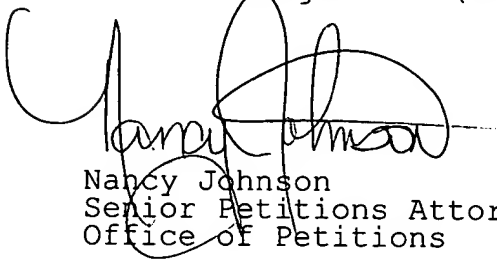
The petition under § 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to the final Office action mailed May 24, 2004. This Office action set forth a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months, with extensions of time obtainable under § 1.136(a). On August 30, 2004 (certificate of mailing August 25, 2004), applicants filed an amendment, made timely by an accompanying petition for extension within the first month. However, this amendment was determined by the examiner not to place the application in condition for allowance (Advisory Action mailed October 5, 2004). No proper reply having been filed and no further extensions of time obtained, the above-identified application became abandoned effective September 25, 2004. The present petition precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment.

The instant petition includes the required reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with a previously filed amendment as the submission under § 1.114 (and RCE fee); payment of the petition fee; and a statement that the "entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional." No terminal disclaimer is required on petition.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 3651 for consideration by the examiner of both the RCE filed December 6, 2004 and the submission under § 1.114, an amendment previously filed August 30, 2004.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Johnson", is written over the typed name and title.

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